

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A coupling structure of torque transmitting members for a shaft for coupling a pair of torque transmitting members interposed in a shaft, characterized in that:

one of the torque transmitting members and the other of the torque transmitting members are adapted to transmit a torque through an elastic member and a pin;

said one of the torque transmitting members has a pin insertion hole formed with a large diameter hole portion, a stepped receiving portion and a small diameter hole portion;

said pin has a proximal portion and a distal portion, said proximal portion comprising a large diameter portion, a stepped portion and a small diameter portion which are respectively engaged with the large diameter hole portion, the stepped receiving portion and the small diameter hole portion of the pin insertion hole; and

when torque to be transmitted is low in a first range, the torque is transmitted through said elastic member and when torque to be transmitted is high, in a second range, said distal portion of said pin is brought

into contact with a portion of said other of the torque transmitting members and the torque is transmitted through said pin, where said second range is higher than said first range.

2. (Previously Presented) A coupling structure of torque transmitting members for a shaft according to Claim 1, wherein said large diameter portion of the pin is press fitted in the large diameter hole portion of the pin insertion hole.

3. (Previously Presented) A coupling structure of torque transmitting members for a shaft according to Claim 1, wherein said pin has a portion projected from said pin insertion hole and with which said pin is fixed to said one of the torque transmitting members by clinching or thread engaging means.

4. (Previously Presented) A coupling structure of torque transmitting members for a shaft according to Claim 2, wherein said pin has a portion projected from said pin insertion hole and with which said pin is fixed to said one of the torque transmitting members by clinching or thread engaging means.

5. (Previously Presented) A coupling structure of torque transmitting members for a shaft according to Claim 1, wherein said torque transmitting members are

members for transmitting steering torque of a steering shaft.

6. (Previously Presented) A coupling structure of torque transmitting members for a shaft according to Claim 2, wherein said torque transmitting members are members for transmitting steering torque of a steering shaft.

7. (Previously Presented) A coupling structure of torque transmitting members for a shaft according to Claim 3, wherein said torque transmitting members are members for transmitting steering torque of a steering shaft.

8. (Previously Presented) A coupling structure of torque transmitting members for a shaft according to Claim 4, wherein said torque transmitting members are members for transmitting steering torque of a steering shaft.